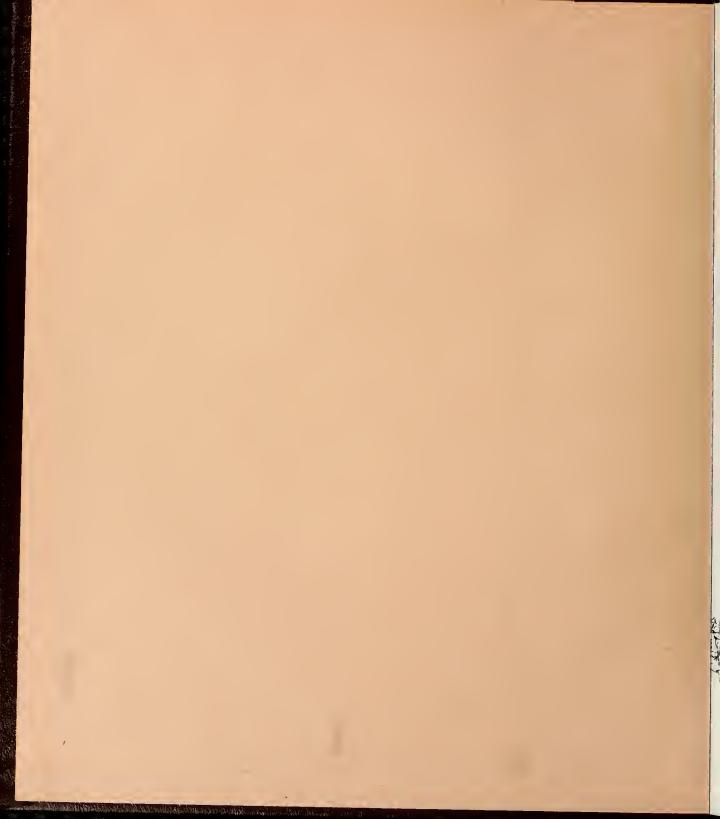




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In the fall of the year 1872, during the rigors of reconstruction in the Carolinas. the Reverend Jeremiah I. O'Connell purchased the Caldwell Plantation, a rather expensive estate about twelve miles west of Charlotte, which he presented to the Diocese of Richmond in 1875. The Right Reverend James Gibbons, then Bishop of Richmond, accepted the donation, and in turn offered it to the Benedictine monks of St. Vincent's Abbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, under the guidance of the Right Reverend Boniface Wimmer,

O.S.B. It was suggested by the Bishop that a college be set up there. After some deliberation and inquiry, the monastic chapter voted on January 19, 1876 to accept

the land.

On April 21, 1876, Father Herman Wolf, O.S.B. and two boys from Richmond arrived at the Caldwell Plantation and took possession of the premises. Father Herman called the place "Maria Stein" (Mary of the Stone) because of the large shaft of granite in the front yard. Lay brothers arrived from St. Vincent's four days later, and work began.

During the first year, much went on at Maria Stein; Father Prior Herman, the five 73409

## of Belmont Abbey







Two



lay brothers, and the four students (the Richmond boys and two from Charlotte) lived in the log house on the property, cleared fields, and attended to studies. In the fall of 1876, the frame building which was to house the College was begun.

In 1877, three new students arrived at Maria Stein, the chapel was constructed, and the first Mass was celebrated on September 8. The chapel was blessed in honor of Our Lady under her title of "Mary Help of Christians."

The official opening of St. Mary's College took place in September of 1878. Father Stephen Lyons, O.S.B. was the first rector of the College, and Fathers Julius Pohl and Jerome Schmitt. O.S.B., newly arrived from St. Vincent's, were the first teachers. 1879 saw a greatly increased enrollment of thirty-nine students. St. Mary's College was firmly established, and except for a few setbacks which were soon overcome, faced the future with determination.

In 1884, Abbot Vincent and the chapter of St. Vincent's voted the North Carolina

## from its Foundation to

to the Present





priory independent. A call was issued: Volunteers were desired from St. Vincent's to transfer their vows to the new Abbey. Eight monks responded immediately, and to these men was entrusted the duty of electing an abbot. On Bastille Day of 1885, the Reverend Leo Haid was elected the first Abbot of Mary Help Christians Abbey. Soon, two more monks joined them, and this Abbot and community of ten took possession of the college and Abbey of St. Mary.

The college was reopened that September with an in-

creased number of students. Abbot Leo was blessed the following month by the Bishop of Charleston in his cathedral there.

The college expanded: another building was started
and built from bricks made
on the site. Many were the
times that the monks and
students were roused at
midnight from a sound sleep
to save the yet-undried
bricks from a sudden downpour.

Throughout the rest of the nineteenth century, St. Mary's College and Mary





Help of Christians Abbey grew and expanded. New students continued to arrive at St. Mary's door, and new novices continued to make their profession of vows to the order of St. Benedict. placing themselves under the patronage of Our Lady of Help. More buildings arose from the soil of the Abbev. A new school was founded in Florida - a military school placed under the patronage of St. Leo. The Abbey's grotto was built in 1891, and the cornerstone of the new Abbey church laid in 1892. In 1894. another new foundation was begun, this time in Bristol. Virginia, for homeless boys. By 1900 there were 59 in the monastic community and 120 enrolled in St. Mary's College.

In 1900, on the morning of May 19, during the monastic office of Matins, a fire was discovered in the new west wing of the college. When Bishop Haid saw it,

he threw up his hands and implored, "O God, save my monastery!" Mass was hurriedly said in the Abbey Church, with all vestments and chalices standing packed for removal. During the sacrifice the wind reversed itseld, sparing the remainder of the College and monastery.

This setback was far from insurmountable, however, given the spirit of those involved. Before the year 1900 was over, a new building had taken the place of the burned one.

Having survived its "baptism of fire," the college exerted a new energy: St. Leo's Hall was begun in 1906, and a new foundation in Savannah,





Georgia, was established in 1902 - the Benedictine School. In 1910, the See in Rome created the Abbey a Nullius, and Bishop Haid became the Ordinary of eight counties living to the west of Belmont. About the same time, the popular name of Belmont Abbey College became prevalent, and in 1913. on Thanksgiving Day, the name was officially changed from St. Mary's College to Belmont Abbey College.

The pioneer days ended, and Belmont Abbey and its college entered maturity. Having piloted his community from infancy to majority, Bishop Leo Haid died on July 24, 1924, after appointing Father Willibald Baugm-

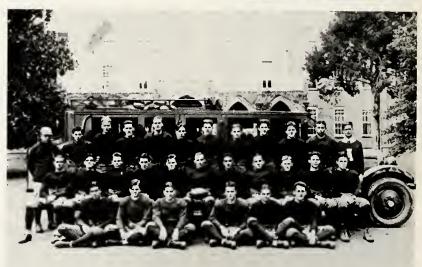
gartner as Prior.

On August 20, 1924, the community elected Vincent Taylor as Abbot of Belmont. (Abbot Vincent had been ordained at the hands of Bishop Leo.) One of the first moves by Abbot Vincent was to launch a program of higher studies for the teachers at the Abbey college. Many oncampus courses were offered to the teachers, and other members of the community were sent to graduate schools. The old "subacademic" studies were abolished and a junior college set up. Shortly after the establishment of the new junior college, many of the old rules were abolished. and newer, more liberal ones took their place.











A good athletics program was begun. Abbey teams were victorious; this institution now possessed an array of trophies, many of them championship cups. due to the efforts of these men. During 1929 and 1930, an athletic field was graded and the Leo Haid Gymnasium built. This was the latest thing in athletic buildings at the time of its construction. The ground floor of St. Leo's (which had been the gymnasium) was, in 1930. converted into a handsome library, and some 30,000 volumes were gathered from various places around the Abbey and placed therein. Young Abbey monks staffed the new facility. The west wing of the Brother's building was made into science laboratories, and the kitchen was completely renovated and equipped during the summer of 1940.

Belmont Abbey Junior College was admitted to the Southern Association in 1936. Father Cuthbert Allen, O.S.B. was appointed rector of the school early in that year, a post he has held several times since.

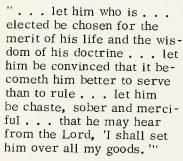
Shortly following Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the Abbey College adopted a warlike stance. Students who returned in January of 1942 found uniforms, daily drilling, bugle calls, and the like awaiting them. The military regime existed for the duration of the war and through the spring semester of 1947; fall saw the abrogation of the military character of Bel-

mont Abbey College.

The 75th anniversary of the college was celebrated in 1953. There was an "Ecclesiastic Day," an "Alumni Day, " and a final day consisting of a joint production featuring an academic convocation of no little brilliance. However, this year was mistakenly chosen as the 75th anniversary, based on the assumption that 1878 had been the first academic year at St. Mary's College. To disprove this, records indicate that 1878 was, in actuality, the first academic year. (Hence, the real 75th anniversary should have been in 1951.)

In 1952, Belmont Abbey College was reorganized as a senior college under the leadership of Abbot Vincent







The Right Reverend Leo Haid, O.S.B., D.D., first Abbot of Belmont, was born on July 15, 1849. He came into contact with the monks of St. Vincent's Abbey in Pennsylvania early in his life and when he became of age, joined the novitiate there. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1872 and elected Abbot of Mary Help Abbey on the 14th of July,, 1885. In 1887, he was appointed Vicar Apostolic of North Carolina and ruled much of the religious endeavors from his position at the Abbey. In recognition of his authority, Belmont Abbey was made a "Nullius," or Cathedral Abbey, one subject to no one but the Pope himself. Bishop Haid died on July 24, 1924 at Belmont Abbev.

Eight

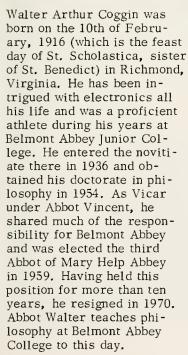


George Taylor was born in Norfolk, Virginia on the 19th of September, 1877. After receiving his formal education in Virginia, he and his family moved to Belmont, North Carolina. Here, he attended St. Mary's College and later entered the Benedictine novitiate, taking the name Vincent.

Upon the death of Leo Haid, Vincent was elected the second Abbot of Mary Help Abbey in 1924. He was a man deeply in love with God and devoted much of his life to prayer and meditation.

He died on November 5, 1959 at Belmont Abbey.







Edmund McCaffery was born in Savannah, Georgia on January 9, 1933. He attended high school and college at Belmont Abbey and entered the novitiate in 1952 after his freshman year. He was ordained a priest in 1959. He was a pastor of St. Benedict's Church in Richmond for a year and returned to Belmont to assume a teaching position. Having served as master of clerics and as subprior, he was elected Abbot of Mary Help Abbey. After filling this office for five years, he rendered his resignation in the summer of 1975. He is now the pastor of a church in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.



"The final goal of an Abbot is to assist the monks in their search for God. All else is guided by and must contribute to that end. The prayer, reading, study, work, the living together in community are all calculated to favor the monk's finding God. Yet, it is not just an individualistic enterprise, for in the journey to God, the monk learns much about Christian love and must share his good with others. Hence, the Abbot must also have concern for the Community as a family and the ways in which it expresses its common commitment to God."

Abbot Jude Cleary, O.S.B.







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Taylor as president, with Fathers Cuthbert Allen and Bernard Rosswog, O.S.B. aiding him. Due to several factors, among them age and illness, Abbot Vincent ordered the election of a vicar to assist him in the administration of his office. Accordingly, Father Walter Coggin, O.S.B. was elected and took the position. Father Walter demonstrated remarkable energy, and immediately, improvements began to take place at the Abbey. In 1956, the Preparatory High School Department was dropped. An extensive overhaul of the electrical wiring was completed. Ground was broken for the Abbot Vincent Taylor Library in 1957, a student center was set up in St. Leo's Hall, the school became accredited as a senior college by the Southern Association, and the student chapel was abolished. Henceforth students and monks worshipped together. Many changes too, were affected in the monastery, among them the renovation of some of the rooms and the construction of a crypt under the monastery for private masses.

On Thursday, November 5, 1959, Abbot Vincent George Taylor was returning to Belmont Abbey. At about 9:30 A.M. in the city of Greensboro, North Carolina, he had a heart attack and died. Before the month was out, Father Walter was elected

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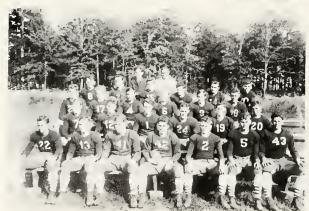
the third Abbot Ordinary of Belmont Abbey. Abbot Walter undertook an ambitious expansion program, ably assisted by Father Jude Cleary, O.S.B. Within twelve years he had completed an expansion program costing over 4.5 million dollars, including the Taylor Library, the three dormitories, Wheeler Centers, and the Gaston Science Hall, among other projects. By 1964, these additions were paying off: resident students became the support of the Abbey, total enrollment was up 27% and, in 1969, 830 students were enrolled at Belmont Abbey College.

Times were also changing: the faculty became, to a large degree, lay, students arrived with new ideas on individual liberty, and many restrictions were dropped. Vatican Council II called Abbot Walter to Rome from 1962-1965. By the time of his return, many problems had arisen, not the least was









Twelve





the challenge to authority and tradition in both the College and monastery. Crisis loomed: college enrollments fell off nation-wide, and among the institutions hurt was Belmont Abbey College. A merger with Sacred Heart College (for girls) was considered.

In 1970, Abbot Walter petitioned the Holy See to accept his resignation. On Febraury 11 of that year, the chair of Leo Haid was again vacant.

Quickly, an election was held in the monastery chapter, and Father Edmund Mc-Caffrey, O.S.B. was elected fourth Abbot Ordinary. The young Abbot (only 37 years old) entered his office fully aware of the problems that confronted him; he assumed full leadership, and expected cooperation and goodwill from all fronts. As his first move, he appointed Father John P. Bradley, a secular priest, as President of Belmont Abbey College. This was the first time a non-Benedictine had occupied this position. Father Jude was appointed assistant to the President. Immediately. the ideology of Belmont Abbey College went under scrutiny and overhaul, and a new image appeared.

But the new Abbot was not destined for a long abbacy. In 1975, Abbot Edmund resigned from office, and once again, the cathedra of Bel-

Thirteen



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mont Abbey Nullius was vacant.

Again, during the summer of 1975, the monastic chapter met to elect one of its own to that office outlined by St. Benedict 1400 years ago. On July 21, the scrutiny revealed that Father Jude Cleary, who had so ably assisted past Abbots and Presidents, was to be elected to the post of Spiritual Father of 65 monks and Ordinary of a diocese of about 600 students. But destiny held a new twist: the Holy See, in confirming Abbot Jude, deprived the Abbey of its Nullius status, reducing it to the ordinary status of other Abbeys. The "Nullius" was to continue through the Abbey's Centennial Celebration in 1976, but was thereafter to be abolished. The diocese of Belmont Abbey was to be incorporated into the diocese of Charlotte from that time forward.

This last notwithstanding, in a Solemn Pontifical Mass in the presence of the Archbishop of Atlanta, Jude Cleary, O.S.B., was blessed by him as the fifth Abbot Ordinary of Belmont Abbey. Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deo.

Fifteen

Transition — the movement from the old to the new . . .

Like the dawning of a new day, so must be the cycle of education. Belmont Abbey must always be in transition — growing, experimenting, learning. Change, progress through reform, should be the element that determines the future of the Abbey. Valuable lessons can be learned from the past and the present must set a precedent for future years. We must move ahead with a newness and vitality that will make us great. While change for the sake of change is foolish, tradition for the sake of tradition is disastrous. The appeal of the college lies in the uniqueness.

We are proud of our achievements and of our efforts to progress and now boldly venture out to new horizons . . .



The elements that formulate the past of Belmont Abbey College - the traditions... the beliefs... the spirit... continue to have a deep and meaningful significance to each student. Our heritage is an important aspect of life at the Abbey. It is our essence and makes us proud.

Variations and transitions mark every new year of campus life. Students, faculty and administrators come and go . . . all are vital to the steady progressiveness and maturing of Belmont Abbey as an academic institution.

As each new student establishes a residence at the college, they contribute a valuable part of themselves . . . new ideas . . . new approaches . . . new life . . .

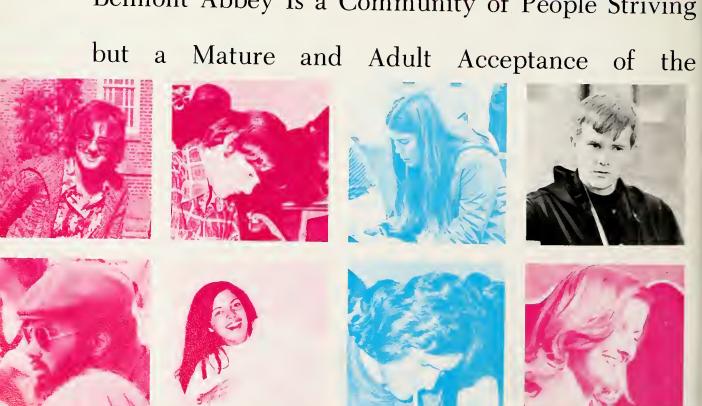
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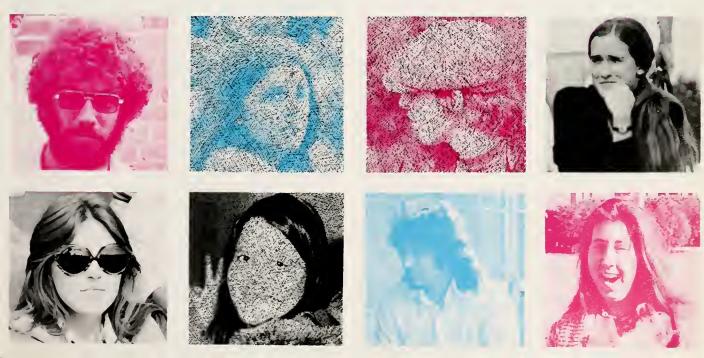
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ne could describe Belmont Abbey College as a four ear co-educational liberal arts institution offering. A. and B.S. degrees, but this description is far from dequate. Belmont Abbey is a community of people triving together to reach not a college education alone, at a mature and adult acceptance of the world and what involves to live in it. One has the opportunity to get a know every person on campus and learn their ideas and interests. The school thrives on its reputation as a arm and friendly place, and the students demonstrate his throughout the year.



## "Large Enough to Challenge . . . Small Enough to Care"











The motto "Large enough to challenge, Small enough to care" is more than just a saying at Belmont Abbey. It is a truth practiced every day. The administration and faculty knows the students not as simply numbers in a classroom, but by their names and interests. It is a college of personal contact and individual interaction.



















Student activities include such functions as: the Student Union. Fraternities, Campus Ministry, and the Choir. The Student Union sponsors the three big weekends of the year as well as concerts. dances every Friday night, talent shows, play contests and other activities the students are interested in. The 5 nationally recognized frats supply the student body with a chance to belong to a brotherhood endeared to the ideals of friendship and human progress. They are also a vital element in the social aspect of the college in that they give parties, open houses and provide a place for students to get together. Campus Ministry is an important function in dealing with community relations. It involves such activities as visiting prisons, orphanages and Senior Citizen's Homes, finding out who needs help or service and providing it. The Campus Ministry also sponsors retreats and coffeehouses throughout the year. The intramural department is good in that the students are competitive and interested enough to always promise exciting games. The different teams compete in basketball, football, softball, volleyball and most other sports given the student interest. The sports department at the Abbey includes soccer, basket-

## Belmont Abbey College Is a Community, an Atmosphere, an Attitude, a Way of Life . . .

ball, golf, tennis, swimming, and rugby. Student publications include the college newspaper, the "Free Lance," the literary magazine, the "Agora," the yearbook, the "Spire," and a sportsletter.

There is enough on campus to involve every student no matter what his interests, and yet the population is small enough to keep the atmosphere friendly.

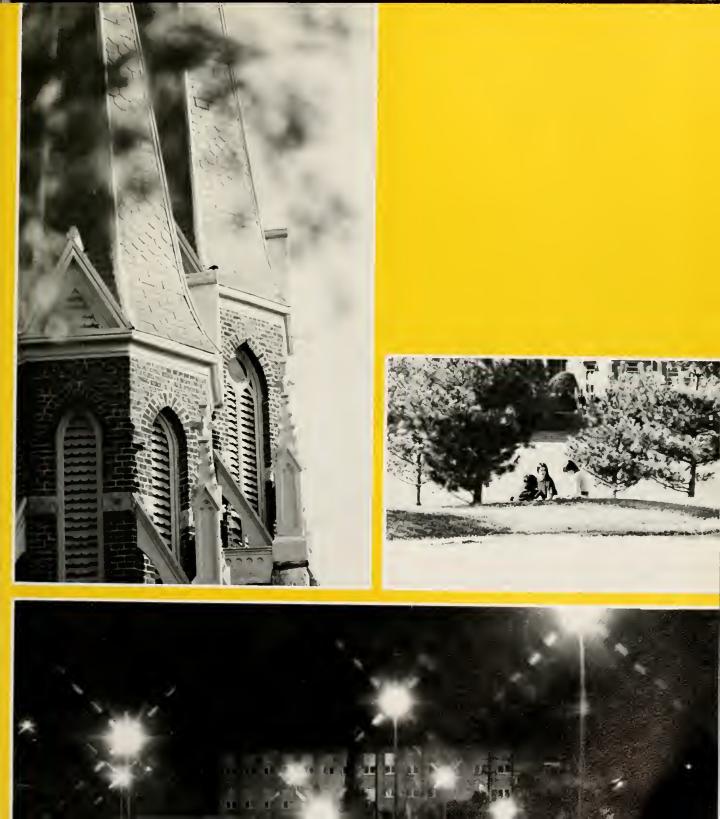
Academically, the college has majors offered in Biology, Political Science, History, English, Business, Accounting, Distribution Management and Business-Economics. The scholastic expectations are high and demanding, and the faculty is competent and willing to help whenever they can.

Though the Abbey is a four year co-educational liberal arts college, no one attending the school thinks of it as that. It is a community, an atmosphere, an attitude . . . a way of life.



















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It's fall, school is just starting and license plates from all over the country line the parking lots. Cries of welcome and renewed friendships are heard amist the confusion of moving in. The orientation committee of big brothers and sisters usher freshmen to their rooms while upperclassmen sit on the balconies greeting new students with a raised beer can and a blasting stereo. Co-eds stare disconcertingly at the infamous "Walled-Off Astoria" from the outside and try, in vain, to make posters stick to the brick walls on the inside. The fraternity houses are crowded at night with post-school parties and the initiation of freshmen to many Abbey-men's favorite past-times. The music plays, the beer flows, and the noise of excitement prevails.

Registration is mass chaos with freshmen lined up outside the library at 5 o'clock in the morning. Abbot Walter's classes are the first to be closed out, and other students are left to face Dr. Min. I.D. pictures are taken and students take their place again standing in lines. Faculty members are exasperated as freshmen come to them with wide smiles and blithely admit they're not certain flock over to the Haid with their six-packs waiting to be emptied. The music is loud and the dance floor is crowded, and Officer "Dead-Eye" Eddie patrols the Student Union Building looking for criminals, or whatever he looks for as he patrols the Haid. Couples pair off as the evening goes on deciding which























whether or not they want the pre-med program or recreation courses. Mrs. Moore signs students up for English 101 while Father Jerome tries to convince an Arab student that he must have two semesters of theology in order to graduate. Dr. Hartford calmly explains to an English major why she needs a semester of biology and frustrated seniors and juniors gnash their teeth as they wait for hours as a student changes his major. Finally it is all over, and after spending a mint in the bookstore, classes begin . . . or attempt to, anyway.

Running to class late, one may hear the following as he puffs down the hall: Coach Dudko's class laughing at one of his many infamous jokes . . . Father John dramatically expounding upon the inherent greatness of Shakespeare . . . Father Anselm droning on and on and on about ancient civilization . . . Father Lawrence yelling at his theology class in Italian . . . Mr. Graham modestly accepting a compliment on his curls . . . Mr. Wright insisting on calling an asterisk a "dinkle" . . . Brother Paul asking for a cigarette . . .

In the cafeteria, the lines at lunch are unbelievably long after the 11:20 classes, and is filled with sounds of loud talk, laughter, the slamming of trays, the breaking of an occasional glass or two, followed by an uproar of applause, and the constant complaints about the food. Mr. White grumbles about the dissatisfaction and tells a student that if he wants home cooking, to go home.

Typical Abbey afternoons feature soccer games as the Soussi brothers continue to break records and thrill fans. Debbie Huie leads the cheerleaders as they urge the team on to victory.

Intramural football is played under the hot Autumn sun as rivals face each other amist the cheers and shouts of fans. A few trips to the hospital only seem to heighten the fury of the season. The Beanie Bowl is played every year and enables the frats to get a look at some prospective pledges. This year, the sophomores won with a touchdown catch made by Chuck Pol.

Phi Kap won the annual football game between the fraternities and finally, with a sigh of relief from the refs, the season ends.

On the social scene, Friday Night Things become habitforming, and students























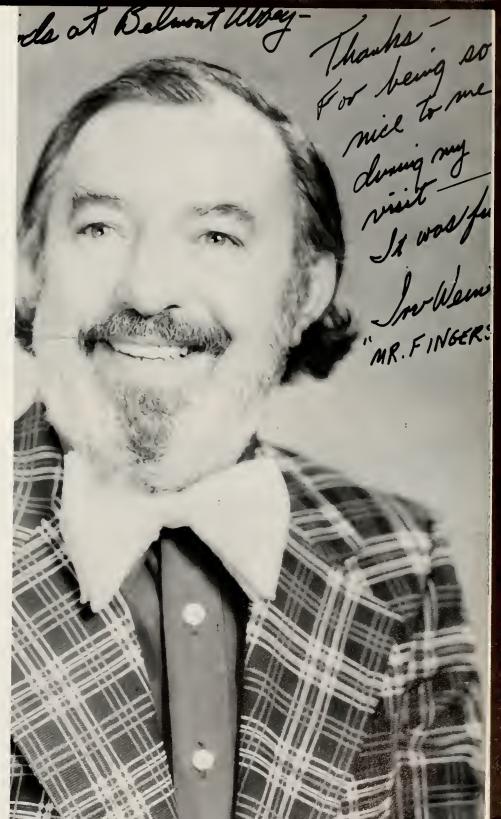
frat house they're going to hit afterwards.

Fall Weekend is the main social event offered by the College Union first semester. Long dresses, suit coats and ties greet the Saturday night of the big dance. Students socialized and danced to the experienced and classic beat of the Drifters. The dance floor increases as observers become participants. A hypnotist astounds the audience Saturday night, and the concert is a welcome change of event for Sunday afternoon.

Exams: and those who opened more beer cans than books actively lament their previous occupations by cramming frantically in the library. Staff workers John Pulverenti, John Hill and Anne Thomas incessantly finding references for last minute term papers. Mrs. Freeman, Brother Simon and Mrs. Thomas keep the library open late into the night and students take advantage of the hours. The cafeteria is opened at 10:00 so students can get a quick snack before their "all-nighters" and the faculty is soon acquainted with hard-luck stories of students who "fell asleep while studying and missed their exam," or those students who "lost" their term paper. Father Lawrence encourages "hate-notes" from students concerning his "monstrous" exams, and Father Mathew's exam is cancelled for his students who completed all 17 required papers.

But finally, exams are over, term papers are finished, students pack up and fly, drive, hitch-hike or take a bus home for Christmas and a silence settles over the campus awaiting the students return seemingly all too soon. Christmas decorations on suite doors blow in the wind and lights lining windows no longer blink a merry red, green and blue in the dark Carolina night. Fraternity houses are left in shambles from their annual Christmas parties, clean-up crews eager to leave the mess until January. Basketball players leave, complaining about having to return early and begin practice. Officer Howard takes one last cruise around campus before going home to enjoy, like everyone else, Christmas.

Returning, the students find North Carolina can indeed get quite cold. Winter; and people shuffle their way to early classes bundled in coats, scarves, mittens and an undaunted endurability. Yankees and Floridians alike growl about the absent "North Carolina Sunshine" and long for the warmth of their beds. The trees are bare; the sky bleak; and the air cold. It is hard to rise for classes and those going to the Science Building are glad to get inside where Dr. Stuart discusses the vertebra of the frog and Father Bruno reviews the internal structure of the oak tree; Dr. Hartford stresses the importance of environmental awareness as Father Arthur becomes immersed in a Chemistry experiment. Downstairs, Madame Rahier marches like an

























American army sergeant and continues with her crusade for the appreciation of the faultless French, and Mr. Hanahan drills his class in the usage of Spanish verbs. Students yearn for the weekend where they can sleep late and avoid the cold.

Basketball games at night provide entertainment as people hope for a fight in the Gardner-Webb game and Curtis Carter, Steve Delaney, and Bob Moran keep fighting for a lead, or even a basket. Coach Hussey kneels by the sidelines as his wife screams in the stands. Cheerleaders become frustrated at the self-appointed cheering squad of Phi Kap who refuses to follow their lead as the tension of the game rises.

The intramural staff continues to call the fouls despite the arguing of the players and curses of the crowds. Mike Heretick, "O.J." (Rich Joyce), and Al Raimo call technicals to unbearably aggravated players; Ed Pery and Rich Rider consequently sit the bench. R.A. South wins the championship headed by Steve Bach, Jay Marchwinski, and John Hill. The dispute over wing teams replacing teams by class is reconciled and the basketball season ends without any major conflicts.

Winter Weekend; and again the long dresses are donned as the guys grumble into their suits again. Sugar Creek plays to an enthusiastic audience and the weather accomodates couples seeking "fresh air." Bobby





















Saia shows his talent in drumming, and in getting thrown off stage. Again the fraternity houses party until the early morning hours, and the Sunday night movie is "Blazing Saddles."

Monsoon season . . . and rain beat down violently on the campus for weeks. Students run to classes soaking wet, forgetting umbrellas and too stuborn to wear boots, and then end up sneezing for the next few weeks. The North Carolina weather is so unpredictable, as one must change his clothes at least three times a day. It's freezing in the morning, warmer in the afternoon, and chilly again at night.

St. Patrick's Day parties flourish at the TKE and PKT houses counter-balancing the Valentine's Day parties at SPE and PKP.

Spring blossoms in March and the monks appear once more strolling down Abbey lane, this time with their hoods down and arms unfolded. Those students who took afternoon classes for the sake of being able to sleep late now regret their decision as the sun beats down and the quadrangle is filled with students and their frisbees, baseballs and card games. Speakers are placed on the balconies of the men's dorm, and the women curse and recurse the wall that blocks the exuberant spring activities from their sight. Tennis rackets are dragged out of closets and softball gloves replace wool mittens. Girls run back to the dorm after lunch









to get into their bathing suits and dash over to the hill in back of the library, more commonly known as the "Belmont Beach." So, with the weather just beginning to get warm, many white bodies line the campus in hopes of an early summer tan.

The campus is glowing in a natural glory as the dogwood trees and azaelas bloom and the trees are fringed in green. The ever-suffering grounds crew, largely composed of those students working off their hours, finally see the beauty of the campus enhanced by spring.

Students look forward to a weekend at the beach as Father Oscar and the Campus Ministry readies for their annual retreat to Ocean Isle, N.C., and those students remaining on campus spend their afternoons outside on the lawns of the various fraternity houses enjoying the weather and the company.

Parents Weekend: another annual event at the Abbev . . . the campus is soon subdued as the older generation descends upon us receiving the respect and friendliness of students. They are greeted with shouts of welcome from their offspring who proudly parade their parents around campus introducing fellow-students to the smiling couple. At the dance held at the Royal Villa, the elder and younger participants mix in an atmosphere and attitude the defies the limitations of the "generation gap." Dean Clark winds his way among the parents, shaking hands and commenting on the welfare of the sons and

daughters who he, of course, knows personally. Father Bradley talks with them and explains his philosophical and idealistic theory of education in a Catholic College today. After a very happy weekend, the parents depart, leaving behind reminders of how far we've got to go.

Classes drag on and on, and an hour never seemed so long. Understanding teachers release students early while those who feel the pressure of the end of the year approaching attempt to teach centuries of knowledge in a single class period. Father Lawrence stops talking about Donald Duck and gets in his usual serious-before-exams mood, and Mr. Murray gives his one last Civilization quiz before his final murderous final. Dr. Farley wonders where the year has gone and hands out extra homework to his suffering business students. Dr. Jones reminds his political science students about their term papers on "Federalist 10," and Mr. Thout graciously extends a deadline or two for students who can't seem to complete the required work on time . . . and seniors study madly for comps . . .

Aside from the constant pressures from classes, the Abbey campus is always actively involved in fun and sports. The tennis team continues its prestige as T.J. Reilly aces opponents and smiles at owed fans. Barbara Sweeney gets her women's intramural softball team organized and they prepare to meet the vicious Vent on the









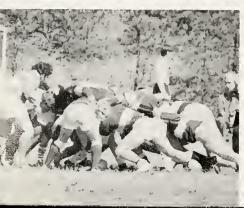














field. The men's intramural team, headed by O.J. Joyce, plays softball with a little caution, sliding into home plate with a remembrance of Donnie Hatchett's broken leg the year before.

Under the leadership of Kevin Farrell and Bob Delaney, a Rugby team is organized and the Abbey team in its bright gold and red prospers to the wild cheering of fans.

Spring Weekend: and the dormdoors are opened and men fill O'Connell as women finally get a chance to see the campus from a dorm balcony. The beer flows on Saturday with 40 kegs to be drained to the beat of a bluegrass band. Dinner outside under the tent as volley-ball. softball, football, frisbee, tugof-war and other activities are indulged in. By dark, students are clapping and dancing and laughing and carrying on . . . Spring Weekend is the definite culmination of the spring spirit as it captures the ecstacy of the beautiful spring season here at the Abbey.

Easter: and the migration to Florida begins. The honking of horns and whistles of delight echo across the campus full of madly-packing students. The parking lots and dorms are soon emptied as students rush away for a long awaited vacation. A few stay behind in the silence of the vacant campus to catch up on either lost sleep or lost studies . . . or both.

After a long vacation, students

return to the Abbey only to discover with much apprehension and uneasiness that they have only two more weeks of school remaining. Not that the summer isn't welcome. but how can one do all the work he is supposed to have done in a semester's time in only two weeks?? Those who have kept up with their studies find a satisfaction in not having to run over to the library every night or rush around the dorm searching for a typewriter. Teachers sympathize and extend deadlines, and students with an eye on upcoming exams, steer themselves away from the sun to study.

Fraternity weekends approach and are a more than welcome change from hours spent in the library. Sig Ep brothers rent their tux, and Phi Kap brothers get ready to roast their pig. Pi Kap plans a river outing. TKE plans a picnic, and APO. a luau. River boat dinners, formal dances, softball on a sunny field, glittering girls and groomed men . . . the fraternities end the year in a madcap conglomeration of activity and emotion. For one last weekend, studies are forgotten and people channel all their energies into that human necessity of "having a good time." There is a unity of feeling among the diversified fraternities as each partakes in its own weekend . . . each celebrating their own . . .

All too soon, it is over. The parking lot is transformed into a crazed mass of frenzied













































students as the resident halls are emptied of trunks, stereos, books, boxes, suitcases, refrigerators, couches, chairs, carpets, lamps and memories collected over the year. Cars are jammed to the "max," and what cannot be taken home is left at the frat houses. Free Lance and Spire offices. Seniors experience a certain poignancy as they realize this is their last exit. A strange sort of sorrow seems to permeate the campus, and this moment of departure that all have so longed for has suddenly lost its savor. Students gaze out back windows and reflect on the past year and wonder what the new one will bring.

Graduation: the mass, caps, gowns, Abbey-man-of-the Year: Robin Roberts . . . so much pomp and circumstance . . . tears mixed with laughter as seniors realize that their college days are over. The "real world" challenges them now, and it is with confidence they face it. Parents, teachers, administrators and former students stand in the shadows of the beautiful Cathedral congratulating one another on achievements they all had a part of . . .

Finis: the year is over . . . finally over. The campus seems dead, deserted . . . worst than the worst Sunday afternoon imaginable. There are no curtains in the windows, no stereos blasting from the rooms, no one studying in the library . . . and yet, there is an expectancy about the place. An atmosphere of dormant activity is perceived as one walks the grounds.

In the fall, it will all begin again . . . new faces replacing the ones we lost . . . new teachers . . . new classes . . . new friends . . . good times . . . important times . . .

Belmont Abbey: a college community of friendship . . . a place apart.























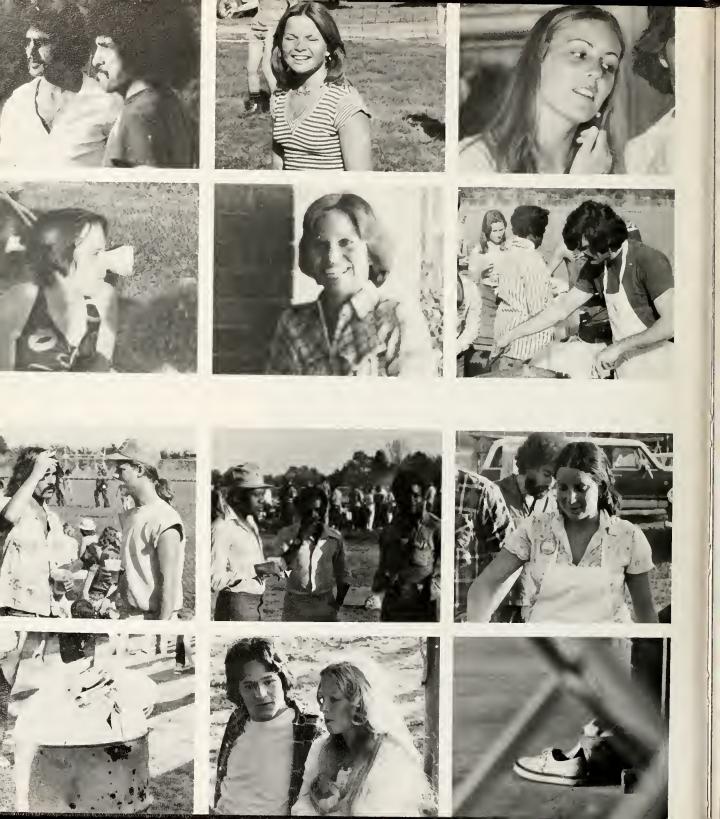








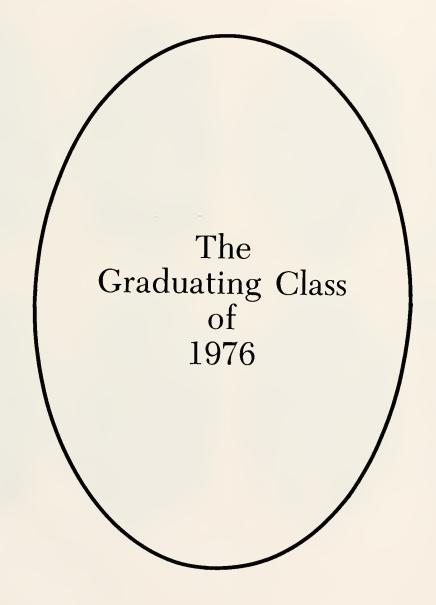
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Sixty-four



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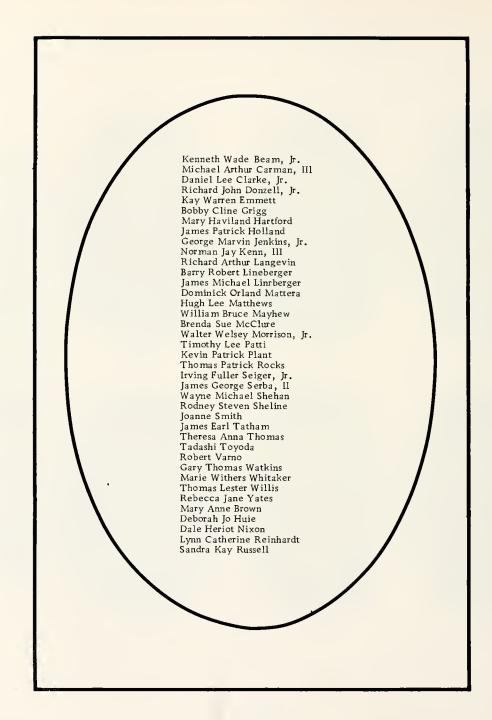




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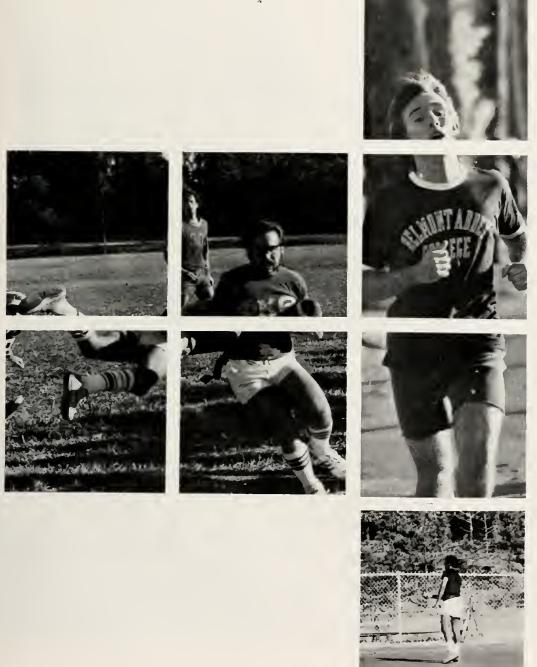
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They need us no longer, those early departed, weaned from the earth as a child outgrows the breasts of a mother. But we who demand sad mysteries in the guise of release, could we exist without them? Is it a fable only, that once in mourning for Linos an early wayward music stabbed through the numbness until into space a Godlike youth departed swiftly, into the void resounding a humming that now enchants and comforts and aids us.





Sports Sports

### Booters Do Well, Fall Short in Districts

With a well-balanced offense and a tenacious defense, the Belmont Abbey soccer team finished their ninth consecutive winning season under head coach, Mr. Stan Dudko. The booters completed the season with an overall 11-5 record.

This was the first season in nine, though, that the Crusaders did not take the District 26 championship. The Abbey downed Guilford College with a score of 7-3 in the district semi-finals, but were squeezed out by a close Pfeiffer game, 2-1 in overtime, for the championship.

The Abbey played a well-rounded schedule this year, combatting such opponents as U. N. C., Appalachian State, High Point College, Davidson College, and Federal City College in Washington, D. C.

Co-captains Bill Soussi and Randy Schamback led the Abbey scoring with 30 and 15 goals respectively. The Crusaders outscored all opponents by 71-31.

The '75 team was young and will lose only two graduating seniors, Danny Motuz and Frank Munchinski. Prospects are good for 1976. In postseason play, the Abbey won every game, including the third annual indoor soccer tournament at Warren Wilson College (story on page 89).





Eighty-four



(Top Left) Co-captains Belgassem Soussi and Randy Schamback with soccer coach, Stan Dudko... (Above) goalkeeper Frank Munchinski doing what he does best ... (Right) Schamback battles Wofford defender for the ball... (Below) defense watches as a direct kick heads for the net.





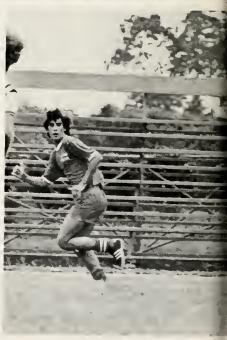
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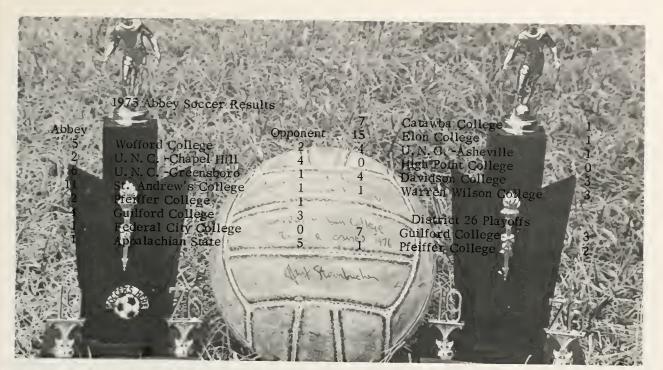
(Right) some fancy footwork during a team drill
... (Below) the reserves watch from the bench as ... (Below Right) Randy Schamback keys a goalward pass to Ernie DeLima.







Eighty-six





Eighty-seven

## Two Abbeymen Make All-American



Two Belmont Abbey soccer players were named to the NAIA All-American team this year. They were Belgassem Soussi, co-captain, and his brother, Mosadak.

Both players have been instrumental in leading the Abbey soccer attack in the past few years. Belgassem became the career scoring leader during his sophomore year with S4 goals. His total number of goals as of the end of this year is 84. In each of his three years at the Abbey, Belgassem was among the top five NAIA scorers. He has also been named to the All-District and All-South teams during those years.

Mosadak earned his position on the All-American team as a defense specialist. He has 18 career goals and is a cool and consistent player. He too, has been placed on the All-District and All-South teams.

Randy Schamback, co-captain, also shared All-District honors this year. He finished the season with IS goals.



## Booters Take Indoor Crown



The Belmont Abbey soccer team gets an early start every year with a vigorous post-season schedule. They play most of their regular season rivals, and prepare for the beginning of the soccer season. This year, Coach Stan Dudko took some of the team to Swannanoa, North Carolina, to play in Warren Wilson College's third annual indoor soccer tournament.

There were a total of 40 teams participating in the tournament and, in the course of three days, 79 games were played. The Crusaders, in their finest form, took the double elimination tourney by winning eight games and losing only one. The Abbey team beat the "Coach's Team," 3-1 and 3-2 for the championship.

Bill Soussi led the scoring in the tournament with 18 goals. Other Crusader participants were Bandar al Rashid, Fikri Soussi, Mosadak Soussi, Ernesto DeLima, Randy Schamback, Moore Asouzu and Jose Jimenez.



# Year of Transition for Abbey Cagers

Inexperience is the only word that can adequately describe this year's Belmont Abbey basketball team. With only four upperclassmen on the sixteen man squad, they compiled a disappointing 8-16 season. This marks the first sub. 500 season for Coach Bobby Hussey during his five year tenure at the Abbey. Next year, with the addition of good recruits and alot of Abbey spirit, the 1976 Crusaders look promising.

(Below) 1976 Abbey Basketball Team:
(Standing) Paul Beckford, Clint Bryant,
Greg Leslie, Desmond Dennis, Glenn
Tambon, Jimmy Crawford, Terry Comer,
Curtis Carter, Paul Carver, (Kneeling)
Bobby Moran, Steve Delaney, Mike Littlejohn, Craig Wink, Mitch Anderson, Harold
Albany, John Garbark, Derrick Gabriel.







(Far Left) strategy session during time-out . . . (Left) Abbey tip-off versus Barber-Scotia . . . (Bottom Left) Coach Bobby Hussey giving some last-minute orders . . . (Below) co-captain Bobby Moran triggers a play.







High scorer for the Belmont Abbey Crusaders this year was Harold Albany, a junior college transfer from Hendersonville, North Carolina, averaging 15 point per game. Senior Curtis Carter, veteran Abbey player from Winnsboro, South Carolina, followed that mark with a 13.8 average, and led the team rebounding 10.3 a game. Steve Delaney, from Brooklyn, New York, is the other senior and veteran Crusader.

Scheduling was moderate this year. The Abbey met many schools on the courts, the toughest opposition coming from Old Dominion University, Lenoir Rhyne and Gardner-Webb.

In December, Belmont Abbey had the honor of hosting the first annual WBTV Carolina Classic. Eight teams, including the Abbey, participated in the tournament. The other colleges were Gardner-Webb, Lenoir Rhyne, Pfeiffer, Catawba, J.C. Smith, Barber-Scotia and Livingstone.

Next season looks promising for the Belmont Abbey basketball team. Recruits have already been signed, and together with the now-experienced Crusaders, the Abbey looks forward to a new year of basketball triumphs.









(Top Left) Coach Hussey with co-captains Bobby Moran and Curtis Carter . . . (Top Left) big Glen "Bear" Tambon throws his weight around in a practice session . . . (Left) patented jump shot form by sophomore starter Paul Carver . . . (Top) Desmond Dennis skies for tip against Guilford . . . (Above) high scoring Harold Albany drives baseline against Catawba defender.

#### 1976 Abbey Basketball Results Opponent Abbey Old Dominion University 79 79 Atlantic Christina 76 Pfeiffer 83 Livingstone 65 Gardner-Webb 73 Lenoir Rhyne 99 WBTV Carolina Classic Gardner-Webb 74 Catawba 83 Limestone 90 73 101 Elon Maryland-Eastern Shore 102 84 64 73 Catawba 85 Limestone 71 Livingstone 78 U. N. C. -Asheville Pembroke State 86 78 57 71 70 66 Catawba U.S.C. -Spartanburg 75 76 Gardner-Webb 69 75 95 U.S.C. -Spartanburg Lenoir Rhyne 82 75 93 85 90 Elon Barber-Scotia 74 U. N. C. -Asheville 74 60 FFEIFN



Harold Albany hangs in the air and double pumps to avoid approaching opponent.

It is said that "winning may not be everything, but losing is nothing." This is especially true for a team that has no incentive to win. Incentive comes from spirit, and spirit comes from the support, cheers, and enthusiasm a team receives from it's fans. Though our Abbey basketball team produced no banner season, our student body offered not even mild support.

So, as students made excuses for their nonsupport, the Crusaders ended another, season, but this time not as a winner. One wonders if they ever really had a chance . . .



### **Determined Tennis Team Shows Promise**



(From Above, Clockwise) T. J. Reilly shows form for serve . . . teamwork(?!) demonstrated by the #2 doubles team . . . freshman Tom Luminoso attacking at the net . . . a sure way to win playing doubles!! . . . determination shows on the face of Paul Harrell . . . abiltiy and quick response are a major part of Gus Pena's game . . . 1976 Varsity Tennis Team: (Kneeling) Tom Luminoso, Gus Pena, Bill Imus, (Standing) Paul Harrell, Scott Pauli and T. J. Reilly





Ninety-seven

(Clockwise, From Right)
Baseline rallying by Bill
Imus . . . you should have
seen the serve hit with
that racket!! . . . number
one doubles team, Paul
Harrell and T.J. Reilly,
take a break . . . Scott
Pauli shows good form on
his serve . . . while T.J.
shows questionable form
on his backhand volley!!





Ninety-eight













One Hundred



(Bottom Left) 1975-76 Cheerleaders: (Sitting) Chrissie League, Barbara Sweeney-Co-Captain, Margy Healy, (Kneeling) Katie Quinn, Barbara Corcoran, Michele Harnedy, (Standing) Dee Dee Riley-Sponsor, Debbie Lampke, Kathy Loughlin, Debbie Huie-Captain · · · (Top Left) cheerleaders in action . . . (Left) Debbie Lampke surveys the scene on the soccer field . . . (Below) Debbie Huie and Michele Harnedy try to instill some enthusiasm . . . (Below Middle) disbelief shows on the face of Elaine Spearman.



# First Cheerleading Clinic Held



The Abbey cheerleaders and sponsor Dee Dee Riley held the first Cheerleading Clinic at Belmont Abbey on December 5,6 and 7,1975. It was open to local high school and junior high school squads and covered the basic skills, cheers, routines, chants, jumps, acrobatics, choreography and performance by the individual or group.

The response to the clinic was good and several area schools participated enthusiastically. Awards were presented to the best individual cheerleader and the best cheerleading squad.



One Hundred Two





## The People Behind the Scenes . . .



(Counter-clockwise, From Left)
Athletic Director and basketball
coach Bobby Hussey with his wife,
Sandra, and sons, Bo and Greg
... Fr. Raphael Bridge, Athletic Moderator... Dee Dee Riley, Athletic secretary and cheerleader's sponsor... Bob Montgomery, Athletic Foundation President... Tommy Braswell and
Mike James of the Sports Information Department... managers, Frank Lowery, Chris
Thompson and Bobby DeAngelis.







One Hundred Four

#### And a Rugby Team . . .







One Hundred Five

The newly formed Rugby team: Wally Hopson, Bob Houde, Bob Delaney, Jeff Martin, Norm Berube, Jay Tubb, Pat Mangan, Tom Toporek, Dave Stevens, Andy Turner, Kevin Farrell, Rich Sheridan, Chester Nowidek, Bill Tobin, Jerry Nee, Danny Motuz, Rich Sherman, Joe Dolce, John Edwards, Marty Gibeau, Steve Carretero, Dan Disher, George Schroepfer, Ray Miller, Don Connor and advisor Frank Ardaiolo.

## Men's Intra



One Hundred Six

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One Hundred Seven

Men's intramurals at the Abbey provide a variety of sports events for both the individual and the team. Members of the intramural staff (Below, Right) are Clark Wisman, Mike Heretick, Paul Briscione, Bob Arthur, Rich Joyce, Kevin Saserdote, Ray Miller, Ray Corbett, Chris Farley, (missing) Al Raimo . . . (Below) Ms. Allison, intramural director, checking out the action around campus . . . (Right) Teddy Nichols getting a free ride to the hospital during the semifinals in C league basketball.





Kendel Pinder showing his form during tennis intramurals (Right) . . . Steve O'Malley, the decisive winner in the Turkey Day Race.







One Hundred Eight

#### Phi Kap Wins Championship













Herbie, let go of the ball, will ya?!! (Top Left); Bryan Rogers of S. P. E. goes high into the air to catch a pass during the championship game (Middle Left); Break in the action (Far Left); Mike Shaffrey scores the winning touchdown (Left); Bobby Arthur and Brian Bedell reach for Paul Briscione's flags (Top Right); Tom Harlan caught from behind (above).

One Hundred Nine

In the B and C leagues, Sigma Phi Epsilon, after finishing second in the regular season, won both basketball championships. The A league Basketball champs (Top) Steve Bach, Jay Marchwinski, John Hill, Bill Egar, (Bottom) John Mosca, Dennis Devaney, Paul Forde (Right); Abbey ballet?!! (Below); Carlos Thomas drives to the basket in C league final (Middle Right).





Rough action underneath the boards in the B league final between Sigma Phi Epsilon and Poe. East.







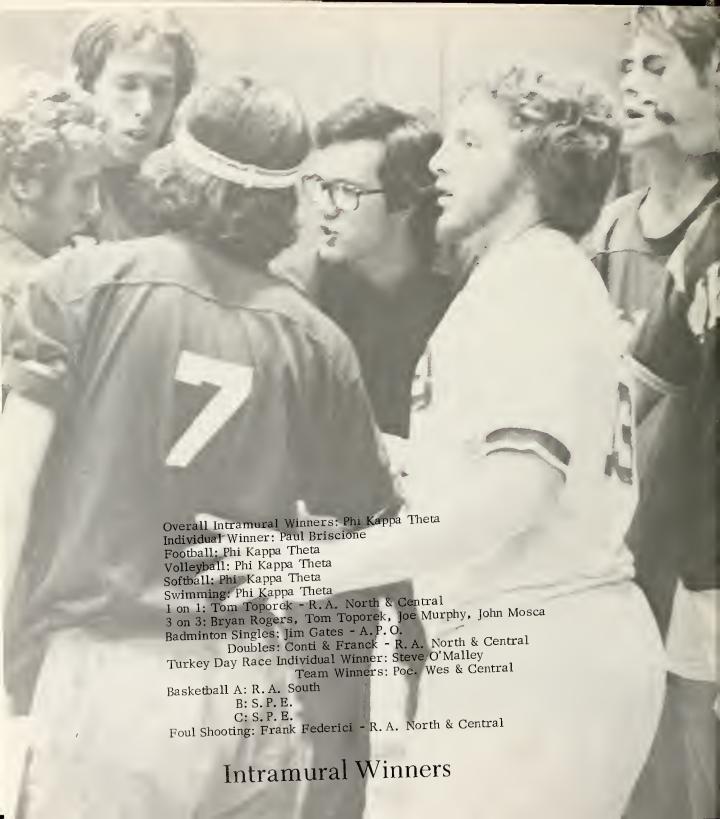






Allen Kirk attempts to block Chris Farley's shot (Top Left); Jump ball to begin the C league final between S.P. E. and P.K.T. (Top Right); T.J. Reilly goes over two players to pull down a rebound (Left); P.K.T. huddle during the semi-finals (Above).

One Hundred Eleven





One Hundred Thirteen

#### Women's Intramural Program



The Women's Intramural Program, under the direction of Ms. Pam Allison, (Right) offers a great variety of sports activities to interested women at Belmont Abbey. She is ably assisted by the enthusiastic, hard working intramural staff (Above) - Jean Mc-Ginnis, Sue Chase, Colleen Bowen, Kathy Denman, Barb Sweeney-director, and Kathy Douglin. The staff organizes, plans, schedules and promotes the program. Some of the activities offered are: football, basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton and softball. So you'd better watch out, guys.. maybe one day you'll find the women in rugby jersies!





Annual Turkey Day Race









Badminton Championship



One Hundred Fifteen



The Abbey women kick off another season of "powder-puff" football under the fantastic coaching of Tom Harlan and Mike Shaffery. Through concerted efforts and teamwork, the Abbey girls were able to defeat the Vent in the first game of the season. (Above) Sue "Sticky-fingers" Chase is on the loose! Look out Vent!! (Right)



One Hundred Sixteen

# Women's Intramural Football







The women's Softball team, under the direction of Ms. Allison, began its season in April. The co-eds were taught the fundamentals and stategy of the sport, and the Abbey women showed a great interest and enthusiasm for the game. There is hope for a bigger, better team next year.

#### Women's Intramural Softball Team







One Hundred Eighteen















One Hundred Nineteen















## Greeks









### Greek

The traditional "Greek Week" is held every fall at Belmont Abbey. The four social fraternities, Pi Kappa Phi, Phi Kappa Theta, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Tau Kappa Epsilon, compete against each other in athletic events and various other competitions in order to establish the best fraternity on campus.

On Monday, five members of each fraternity participated in the first event, the College Bowl. Mr. Frank Ardaiolo moderated the event by asking questions prepared by the heads of the Business, English, History, Political Science and Science departments. Pi Kappa Phi won, with Sigma Phi Epsilon in second place and Tau Kappa Epsilon in third.

On Tuesday, the basketball preliminaries were played.

The swimming competition was Wednesday. Phi Kappa Theta came in first, then Sig Ep, and TKE in third.

The basketball finals were played on Thursday night with Phi Kappa Theta in first place. Sig Ep in second place, and TKE in third.

The notorious chugging contest was held Friday night at the Sig Ep house, moderated by Dean Warren Clark. Each fraternity had five brothers participate in this event. Phi Kap chugged their way to victory, followed by Sig Ep in second place and a tie between Pi Kappa Pi and Tau Kappa Epsilon in third.





### Phi Kappa

One Hundred Twenty-Two

### Week



The Greek Games were held on the soccer field on Saturday morning. Some of the events include the chariot race, mattress race, the human pyramid, wheelbarrow race, tug-of-war, eating contest and egg-throwing contest. Phi Kap won four of the events, and became the overall winner of the Greek Games.

Trophies were awarded that night at the Phi Kap house. Phi Kap received five of the six trophies and emerged the overall champions of Greek Week.



### Theta Champions

One Hundred Twenty-Three





T. Nichols, B. Molzon, B. Turner-Vice-President, P. Christianson, R. Dries, J. Kenn, V. Breitfeller, K. Flant, B. Temple-President, A. Binet, J. Sailstad, R. Ruggieri, B. Rogers, N. Ferranti, K. Liscinsky, J. Trincheria, B. O'Neil, J. Deihl, M. Carter, B. Smith, C. Thomas, J. Pulverenti-Sect., D. Smith, J. Queenan, J. Hume, G. Guarriello, B. Schmidt, K. Forster; not pictured: G. Tambone, C. Bishop, J. Giblin

Golden Hearts-M. Shexsnyder, S. Carpenter, M. Cheaney, A. Federico, W. Woods, D. Lampke, D. Kulbok, S. Bubha, M. Shrower, A. Hope, R. McGinnis, M. Healy, L. Doorman, J. Brackett, D. Maloni



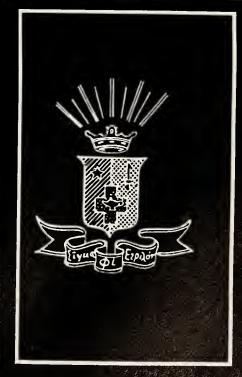




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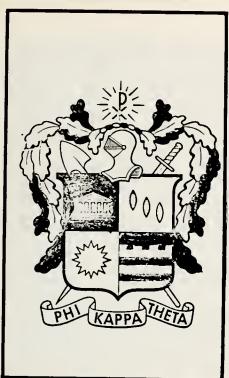
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One Hundred Twenty-Six



#### Phi Kappa Theta

Chris Moon, Gus Pena, Mickael Klinker, Tad Fisher, Pete Stanley, T.J. Reilly, T. Harlan, Russ Swanicke, Pete Arsenault, Ed Jenkins, Don Hatchett, Kevin Farrell, Mike Heritick, Dan Farrell, Ray Miller, Kevin Sacerdote, Paul Brucione, O.J. Joyce, Bob Delaney, Gerry Sheeran, Tony Stouffs, Paul Shaffery, Marty Gibeau, Brian O'Fallon; not pictured: Mark Prather, Ray Corbett, Frank McGlynn, John Gallagher

Little Sisters-Sue Cahill, Jean Kilpatrick, Gloria Carr, Jean Kucker, Mary Rhodes, Julie Chianta, Cathy Denman, Sue Chase, Michelle Harnedy, Janey Smith, Barb Corcoran, Barb Sweeney, Jean Willis, Katie Quinn, Colleen Bowen, Kathy O'Toole, Sally Sullivan, Dooley Rush, Cathy Murphy, Judy Murphy, Mary Molenario, Theresa Hamilton, Karen Michel, Robbie Lake









#### Alpha Phi Omega

T. DeCristofaro, J. Croy, J. Tubb, E. Rowan, J. Gates, P. Nagle, Dr. Bill Kirk-Moderator, M. Byrnes, E. Donner, B. Breiner, K. Nagle, F. Moench, B. Tobin, J. Greer, B. Houde, T. Lawson, R. Forconi, L. Reiger, E. Landenburger

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One Hundred Twenty-Nine

#### Pi Kappa Phi



The Brothers of Fi Kappa Phi: Wes Wheeler, Chris Scully, Timothy Healy, Charles Downing, Bux Goade, Robert Hamm, Donald McMillian, Kevin Keene, Kevin Quinn, Lee Pfieffer, Peter Coleman, Greg O'Conner, Mike Costanzo, Greg Lisley, Jay Finnigan, John Ryan, Kevin Monoghan, Mark Ciambruschini

Sisters: Terry Hamm, Kathy Denman, Jeanne Kucker, Gloria Carr



One Hundred Thirty





#### Tau Kappa Epsilon

The Brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon: Tom Kreager - President, Mark Saxton - Vice-President, Nick Brady - Treasurer, Rick Broderick - Secretary, Jimmy Raffa, Kevin King, Brian King, Jimmy Lenahan, Kevin Maddock, Pete Kinzer, Charlie Hall, Thomas Luminoso, Jerry Luminoso, Thomas Haskins, Tim O'Donahue, Scott Panley, Robert Jenkins

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#### Miss Greek 1975-76



Miss Greek 1974-75, Miss Jefficena Sailstad, expresses appreciation for an exciting year as Queen





#### Qualifications:

Miss Greek must have poise . . .









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The darling Miss Randalea Shamback, Miss Greek 1975-76





appealing . . .

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and have a talent . . .



















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The FREE LANCE. . . college newspaper . . . Jay Marchwinski-Editor-in-Chief . . . Jo Hammer-Associate Editor . . . Tim Wendel-Business Manager . . . published by-monthly . . . interesting, informative . . . hard-working, dedicated, enthusiastic staff . . . writers, reporters, photographers, artists . . . Dr. George Herndl-Advisor . . . features: "Pack's Opinion" . . . Jack Murphy's "Peripatetics" . . . "On the Outside" with Nofal and Pockets . . . on the inside with Federico's "Behind the Blocks" . . . CPS . . . news reports, bulletins, reviews . . . sports . . . headlines . . . editorials . . . happenings . . .

(The SPIRE would like to apologize to Jay and the FREE LANCE for not having any photographs of the newspaper staff for the yearbook. The FREE LANCE was one of the organizations that was more than cooperative in working with the SPIRE, and it is with deep regret that we announce that due to circumstances beyond our control, these photographs were not available at the time of publication.)

#### Agora





College literary magazine . . . Editor: Tina Coleman . . . Advisor: Bro. Paul . . . short stories, poems, art . . . Abbey creativity and literary talents . . . Staff: Julia Brustares, Philip Nofal, Howard Suggs, Michael Uhrin, Lena Widjaja . . .





One Hundred Thirty-Eight

### WABY

College radio . . . 55 on your AM dial . . . broadcasting over WCGC daily from 10 PM until midnight . . located in the basement of the Student Union building . . . generates a new student interest . . . Program Director: Steve Ohnesorge . . . new studio . . . new equipment . . . new format . . . new policy . . . new advisor . . . no hope . . . no Steve . . . no staff . . . no stuff . . .



One Hundred Thirty-Nine

President and Executive Branch





One Hundred Forty

### **Student Association**





Student Association . . . Our faithful leader: Robin Roberts . . . working with the Administration for the students . . . Executive branch: Danny Farrel, Stella Ferris, Robbie Lake . . . Representatives; Joe Murphy, John Pulverenti, James Ferguson, Ray Corbett, Dennis O'Fallon, John Gallagher, Pat Magnan, Phil Nofal, Robert Ipock, Jane Shannon, Tina Sharbaugh . . . changing, revising, hardworking . . . planning for a better Belmont Abbey . . .

One Hundred Forty-One

#### Father Oscar



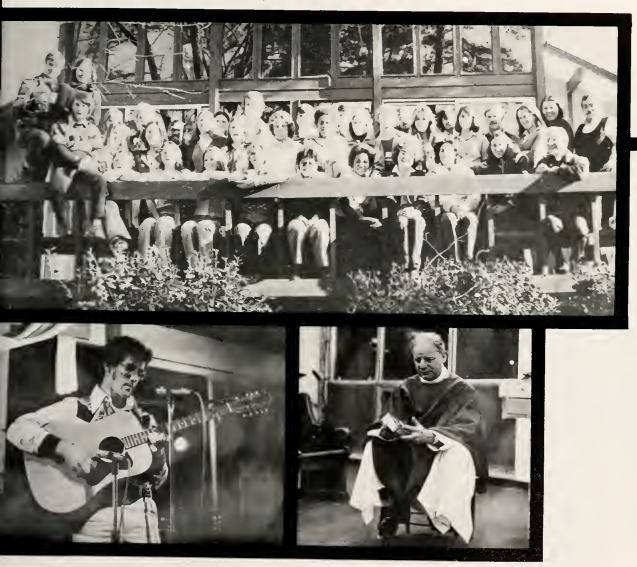
Fr. Oscar Burnett . . . "Big O" . . . always times to listen, laugh . . . Chi Rho House . . . community interest and involvement . . . Thompson's Orphanage . . . Dallas Prison . . . Respect-Life Motorcade . . . people caring about people . . . evening mass . . . Coffeehouses . . . Abbey talent . . . singing, dancing . . . Retreats . . . "Our Lady of the Hills" . . . Hot Springs . . . Ocean Isle . . . getting close to each other and God . . .





One Hundred Forty-Two

## Campus Ministry







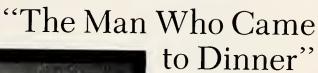




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## Father John













### The New Resident Hall Government

Governor's Council . . . Kathy Redmond . . . Riz Pandy . . . students making their voice heard in resident hall plans and policies . . . sponsors various activities for their resident hall wings . . . parties . . . sports . . . dances . . . and for the campus . . . flower sales . . . book sales . . . giving Abbey students the opportunity to make the residence halls their own . . .



## The College Union

The College Union of Belmont Abbey and Sacred Heard - Officers: President - Robert Arthur; Vice-President - Mellissa Bell; Secretary - Ray Corbett; Social Committee Chairman - Jay Marchwinski; Operations Committee Chairman - Kevin Maddock; F.N.T. Chairwoman - Donna Maloni; Co-Curricular Chairman - Tim Wendel; Recreations Chairman - Mike Weber . . . Advisor - Frank Ardaiolo . . . sponsors student activities throughout the year . . . the "Haid" . . . pool . . . pinball . . . table tennis . . . Friday Night Things . . . dances . . . concerts . . . wine and cheese tasting parties . . . 50's bands, rock bands, soul bands, blue-grass bands . . . big weekends, Fall, Winter, Spring . . . John Kolish - Hypnotist . . . Casino Night . . . the tent and 40 kegs . . . movies . . . play contests . . . get-togethers . . . coffeehouses . . . encourages student interest in campus life . . . promotes Abbey spirit . . .

## Black Student Union









Black Student Union - (L to R) Joanne Lee, John Hill, Cliff Forrester, Myra McKinney, Terry Miller, Harold Albany, Marie Gassaway, Dorathea Brown, Carl Pendagrass, Barbara Travers, Briant Alexander, William Lane, Paul Beckford Aaron Perkins, Paul Darcy, Mark Farley, Robin Roberts, Steve Delaney, John Deihl, Sue Killian, Glen Lahti, Jim Doran, Dave Darcy, Mr. Dudko - Moderator

#### Circle K

#### Roteract

Gerry Sheeran, Jim Hume, Bill French, Barbara Travers, Danny Motuz, Debbie Prince, Mary O'Leary, Bart Turner, Bernie Donner, Don Connors, Dr. Farley - Moderator







## B.A.E.T.







Belmont Abbey Emergency Team . . . conceived for the purpose of meeting the medical needs of students when the nurse is not available . . . qualified in emergency first aid . . . all members have had practical experience on an ambulance or in the emergency room or a hospital . . . Lawson, Moench, Breiner . . . students who care about students .

#### Pi Gamma Mu

M. Cheaney, J. Gallagher, R. Joyce, J. Kilpatrick, D. Mattera, T. McDermott, G. Sheeran, B. Sweeney, C. Downing, J. Spollen, B. Donner, A. Perkins - President, F. Munchinski, G. Lahti, Tim Patti, G. Hollingshead, S. Killian, L. Agamando, P. Volkommer, Fr. Oscar, Fr. Cuthbert, Dr. Farley, Mr. Dudko - Moderator



## Delta Epsilon Sigma

F. Munchinski, J. Marchwinski, L. Reinhardt, B. Milburn, R. Forconi, G. Sheeran, G. Lahti, D. Mattera, K. Emmett, Dana Carol, R. Donzell, M.J. Forster, J. Hammer, B. Rogers, T. McDermott, A. Chan, Mrs. J. Moore - Moderator



One Hundred Fifty



### Abbey Choir With Director — Mr. J.V. Laderoute



Sopranos: Lorene Ballard, Angie Baker, Becke Cauble, Dorethea Delana, Kathleen DuBois, Mary Feruson, Ann Frazier, Sister Threse Galligan, Barbara Gallagher, Ruby Wise Gaston, Mary Greaber, Johannah Hammer, Lydia Hilton, Phyllis Henderson, Elizabeth Kiser, Christine Lewandowski, Tammye McClean, Ramona Miller, Cindy Neagle, Cathy Painter, Teresa Peters, Mary Pfab, Roz Roy, Millie Rankin, Sue Roddock, Louise Thomas, Jan Wilkerson, Norma Wood, Janice Watts, Ann Zimmer; Altos: Clay Forney, Rosa Fox, Judi Hopper, Nancy Lindeman, Joyce Lewis, Bonita Means, Jane McClean, Ria Peters, Debbie Prince, Paula Teeter, Barbara Travers, Anne Wilson, Laura Wilson, Tenors: David Bowers, Bill French, Mark Kuhn, William Lane, William Lindemand, Orzak Polaski; Basses: Sam Surrance, Dan DuBouis, Ezra Forney, Pat Gallagher, Henry Herd, Robert Jones, Paul Thomas

### Frank and Riz and Their Resident Assistants

Resident Assistants . . . working with the students for the students . . . Frank Ardaiolo, Riz Pandy, Danny Motuz . . . Jay Marchwinski, Jessie Brackett, Rion Forconi, Gerry Sheeran, Theresa Hamilton, Dyan Smyth, Don Hatchett, John Gallagher.



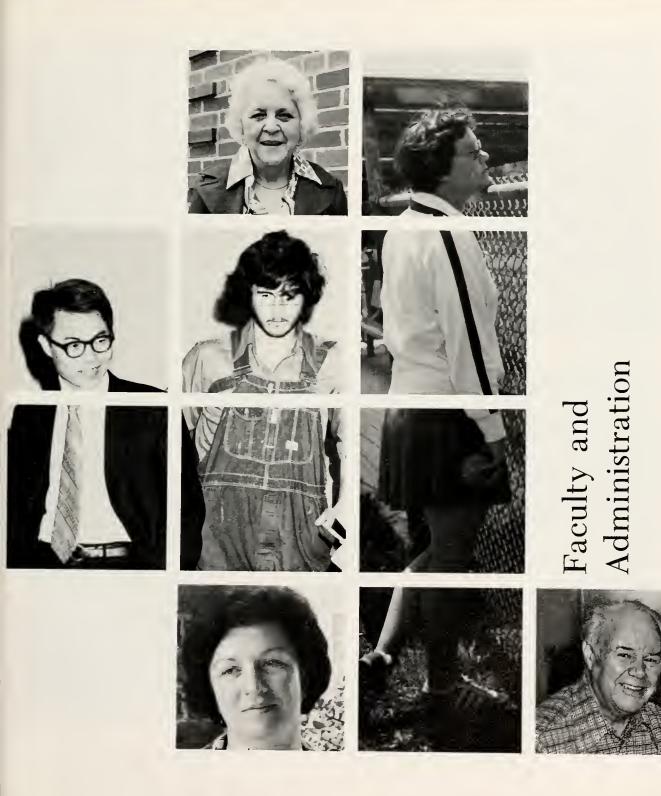
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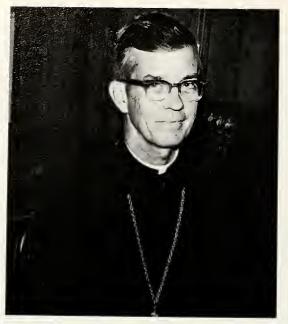


# Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Who's Who... selection for this honor by the College and election by the National Committee... one of the highest honors awarded in American colleges and universities... criteria for nomination include excellence and sincerity in scholarship, leadership... participation and support in campus extracurricular and other activities... service to the college... future leader... Members: Philip Nofal, Rion Forconi, Gerry Sheeran, Danny Motuz, Jean Kilpatrick, Aaron Perkins, James Ferguson, Robin Roberts, Bernie Donner, Donnie Hatchett, Greg Hollingshead, John Diehl... not pictured: John Marchwinski, Michael Uhrin, John Murphy, Richard Donzell, Robert Temple.











One Hundred Fifty-Six







President Fr. John Bradley Exec. V.P. Fr. Cuthbert Ass't to Pres. Bro. Gregory





One Hundred Fifty-Seven











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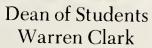


One Hundred Fifty-Eight









Fr. Oscar Burnett, O.S.B.: Student Chaplain; Ms. Riz Pandy: Director of Women's Housing; Mr. Frank Ardaiolo: Director of Resident Life; Mr. Don Shull: Head Councelor





One Hundred Fifty-Nine









Mrs. Dorothy Aycock: Bookstore

Mrs. Dot Shaver: Nurse

One Hundred Sixty

#### Abbot Vincent Taylor Library Staff-

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Fr. Richard Burton, Fr. Anthony Cahill, O.S.B., Sr. Margaret Calnan, Abbot Walter Coggin, O.S.B.



















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Mr. Jack Hanahan, Dr. Winslow Hartford, Dr. George Herndl, Mr. Bobby Hussey, Dr. Robert Jones







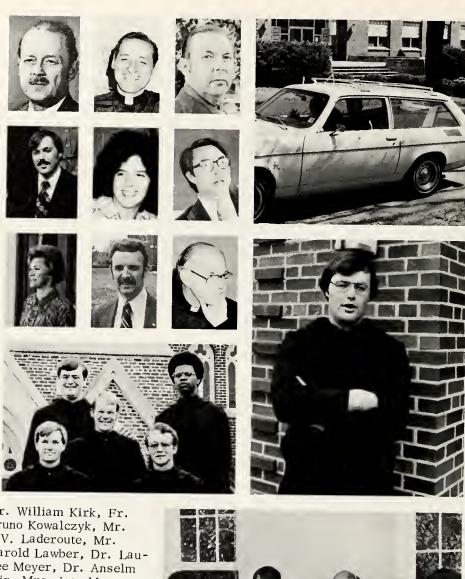








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Dr. William Kirk, Fr. Bruno Kowalczyk, Mr. J. V. Laderoute, Mr. Harold Lawber, Dr. Lauree Meyer, Dr. Anselm Min, Mrs. Jean Moore, Mr. Francis Murray, Fr. John Oetgen, O.S.B.



One hundred sixty-six





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One Hundred Seventy-one









## Belmont Abbey College Graduates One Hundred and Two Seniors

On May 16, 1976, one hundred and two Abbey seniors were granted bachelor's degrees. The foll wing students graduated with honors: Summa Cum Laude - Dana Carrol, Kay Emmett, Rion Forconi, Jean Kilpatrick, Glenn Lahti, and Bruce Milburn.

Magna Cum Laude - John Marchwinski, Dominick Mattera, Francis Munchinski, Lynn Reinhardt and Joan Spollen.

Cum Laude - William Arrowood, Gregory Hollinshead, William Owenby, Tim Lee Patti, Betty Lou Seay, Marie Whitaker and Brenda Sue McClure.

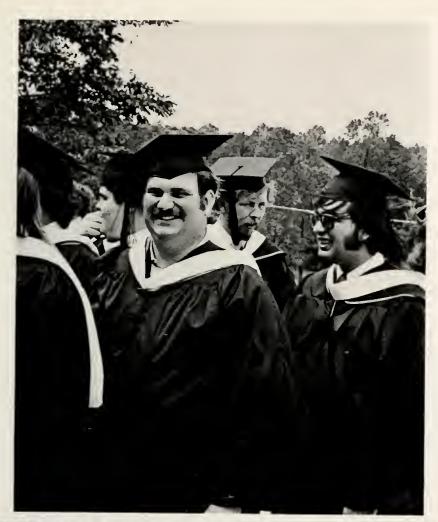
Robin Roberts won the annual "Abbeyman of the Year" Award.

Lawrence Agumade of Aroke, Nigeria, received the Wall Street Journel Student Achievement Award.

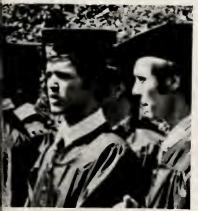




One hundred seventy-two









One hundred seventy-three

Jean Kilpatrick received the Thomas Oestreich Award for her academic excellence in History.

A solemn academic Mass was held for the seniors and their families Sunday morning in the Belmont Abbey Cathedral. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by the Reverend Alfred A. McBride, O. Praem, of Washington, D.C.

Honorary degrees were bestowed upon Bishop Earl G.
Hunt, Jr., Monsignor John P.
Manley, Reverend Alfred McBride, O. Praem and James Edward Stowe of Gastonia, N.C.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. delivered the commencement address.







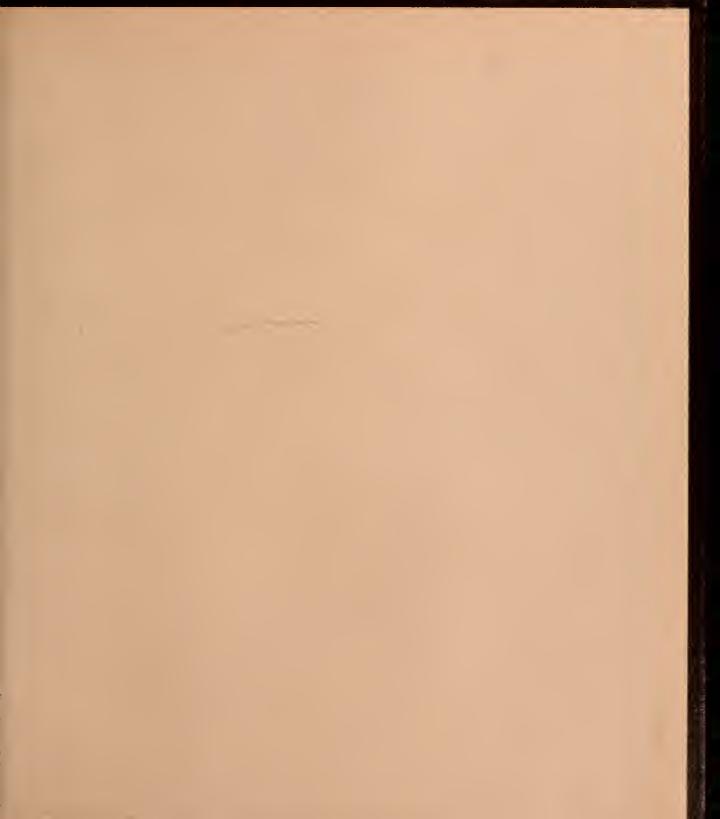
the sunset was too red too warm too inviting

for me to stand and merely watch it happen.

you could have been here or i there but either way together.

shouting was good but whispering i'd rather do . . .







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